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Sir:

In reply to the May 20, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5-11, 14 and 15 as follows:

(Amended) A multilayer ceramic capacitor comprising internal electrode 1. layers and dielectric layers wherein the dielectric layers comprise particles wherein an average particle diameter (R), in a direction parallel with said internal electrode layers, is larger than a thickness (d) of said dielectric layer.

(Amended) The multilayer ceramic capacitor as set forth in claim, wherein Fe is segregated in at least one of said internal electrode layers.

(Amended) The multilayer ceramic capacitor as set forth in claim 4, wherein 6. Fe is segregated in at least one of said internal electrode layers.